#### Space Technology Research Grants

## Compact Robust Integrated PPM Laser Transceiver Chip Set with High Sensitivity, Efficiency, and Re-Configurability



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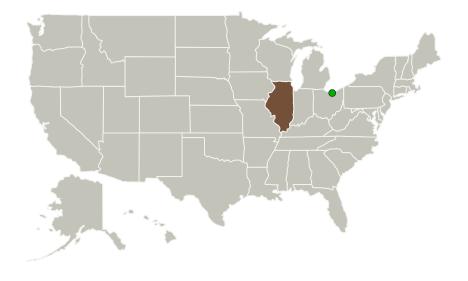
#### **Project Introduction**

The key to enabling space optical communications with high efficiency and enhanced capabilities is by developing transceivers on monolithically integrated chips with high robustness, enhanced data-transmitting capabilities, higher functionalities, and lower costs. The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Northwestern University, and OptoNe Inc. will realize a pulse-position modulation (PPM) monolithically integrated laser transmitter chip and two matching receiver chips with high robustness, multifunction capabilities, novel re-configurability, high signal sensitivity, high data rates, and good power efficiency. Such a compact robust integrated PPM laser transceiver chip set will enable significant advancements in space optical communications and will also benefit the photonic integration technology area in general with various commercial application potentials.

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#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**





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| Organizations<br>Performing Work | Role         | Туре     | Location   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Northwestern                     | Lead         | Academia | Evanston,  |
| University                       | Organization |          | Illinois   |
| Glenn Research Center(GRC)       | Supporting   | NASA     | Cleveland, |
|                                  | Organization | Center   | Ohio       |

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations**

Illinois

#### **Project Website:**

https://www.nasa.gov/strg#.VQb6T0jJzyE

### Organizational Responsibility

### Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

#### **Lead Organization:**

Northwestern University

#### **Responsible Program:**

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### **Project Management**

#### **Program Director:**

Claudia M Meyer

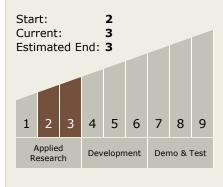
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Hung D Nguyen

#### **Principal Investigator:**

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## Technology Maturity (TRL)





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### **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

 TX05 Communications, Navigation, and Orbital Debris Tracking and Characterization Systems
 TX05.1 Optical Communications
 TX05.1.3 Lasers

## Target Destination Earth

